

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/627,759**
Amendment filed March 29, 2006
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REMARKS FROM DECEMBER 5, 2005:

Claims 4 and 5 are currently being examined. Claims 4 and 5 have not been amended herein.

Claim 1-3 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 5 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over USP 5,076,467 (**Sugo**) in view of USP 2,437,963 (**Langmuir**) or USP 5,186,120 (**Ohnishi**), USP 6,072,937 (**Benade**), and USP 6,647,204 (**Hutchison**).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claims 1 and 2.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 should be withdrawn.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over **Sugo** in view of **Langmuir** or **Ohnishi**, **Benade**, and **Hutchison**, and further in view of USP 5,803,938 (**Yamaguchi**).

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Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claim 3.

Claim 3 has been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter.
Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 3 should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all claims currently being examined are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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